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A SCHOOL AND ITS SHIP

Letters from sea bring geography lessons to life

A CN Correspondent here tells of the close links between the s.s. Highland Princess and Lingfield County Secondary School, Surrey, one of hundreds of schools which are in regular touch with ships of the British Merchant Navy through the good offices of the British Ship Adoption Society.

IN February nine years ago the boys and girls were awaiting their usual mail from their friends, the crew of their adopted ship, the s.s. Samkey, long overdue. Then one morning a boy brought a cutting from a newspaper. It stated that the Samkey was not answering her signals.

February passed, and then came the sad news that s.s. Samkey had been lost without trace at sea.

This was a great blow to the children, and every year on the last day of January—the day when the ship was declared lost—a commemorative service is held in the school hall, where the names of those who died with the ship are engraved on a wall tablet.

Now the school is linked with another ship; correspondence and visits are being exchanged with the Highland Princess.

FOLLOWING THE VOYAGE

The close ties between school and ship really bring the geography lessons to life. The pupils visit the ship when she is in her home port. They meet the captain and the crew with whom they have been exchanging letters. They know every day where their ship is, they are quite familiar with the route, the cargo, and the countries visited.

The geography room is a regular ship's museum, with house flags, models, logs, charts, crests, and stamp albums. The ship in turn possesses souvenirs of the school,

as well as gifts of games and books.

Now and again the captain pays a visit to his particular school where he is proudly received. If he comes in uniform, as most of the captains do, then his welcome is even warmer.

The Highland Princess is on the "meat run" between England and the Argentine. The crew's letters are most interesting, and are read out in morning assembly, where a large chart made in the woodwork room is fitted with electric bulbs which light up the track.

INNUMERABLE QUESTIONS

How keen the young correspondents are to have a look at one of these "frigorificos" they hear about, and which bring the meat in perfect condition to England ready for the Sunday joint. Each letter contains answers to the innumerable questions raised by the eager pupils—what is it like in a gale? At ports of call? Did the ship manage to berth without a pilot? What, in simple terms, is radar?

Sometimes, too, there is surprising talent among the crew, and a delightful sketch may be enclosed with the letter.

Now and again the mail will include an invitation from the captain for a party of thirty pupils to visit the ship. It is always difficult to choose such a party, for all want to go.

But on the happy day an excited

crowd climb up the gangway, swarm all over the ship, are allowed to go on that very privileged place—the bridge—then down to the engine room and back to the radar room, to finish up at last with a wonderful tea.

As they leave the ship to board the coach to go home, their invitations are hearty and pressing. They want that visit returned—on the home ground. And when it is, the cook is besieged. There must be a special lunch when the captain next visits the school.

We are asked to state that the British Ship Adoption Society has such a long waiting list of schools wishing to link themselves with ships that no more applications can be entertained at present.

LEARNING TO READ QUICKLY

Courses in quick reading are now held at more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States. As political and business life becomes more complicated, the amount of paper work increases and it has been felt for a long time that special training should be given to those who have to wade through reams of this material.

One of the main training methods is the use of a piece of apparatus called a tachistoscope. This is a screen which slides down over the printed page at a set speed, so compelling the reader to keep pace with it. As the efficiency of the reader in "digesting" his material improves the speed of the screen is increased to as much as 1800 words a minute.

BEEES HOLD UP TRAFFIC

When a huge swarm of bees descended on one of Nairobi's busiest streets a scene of chaos followed. In an attempt to avoid the swarm a lorry-driver swerved and blocked the street.

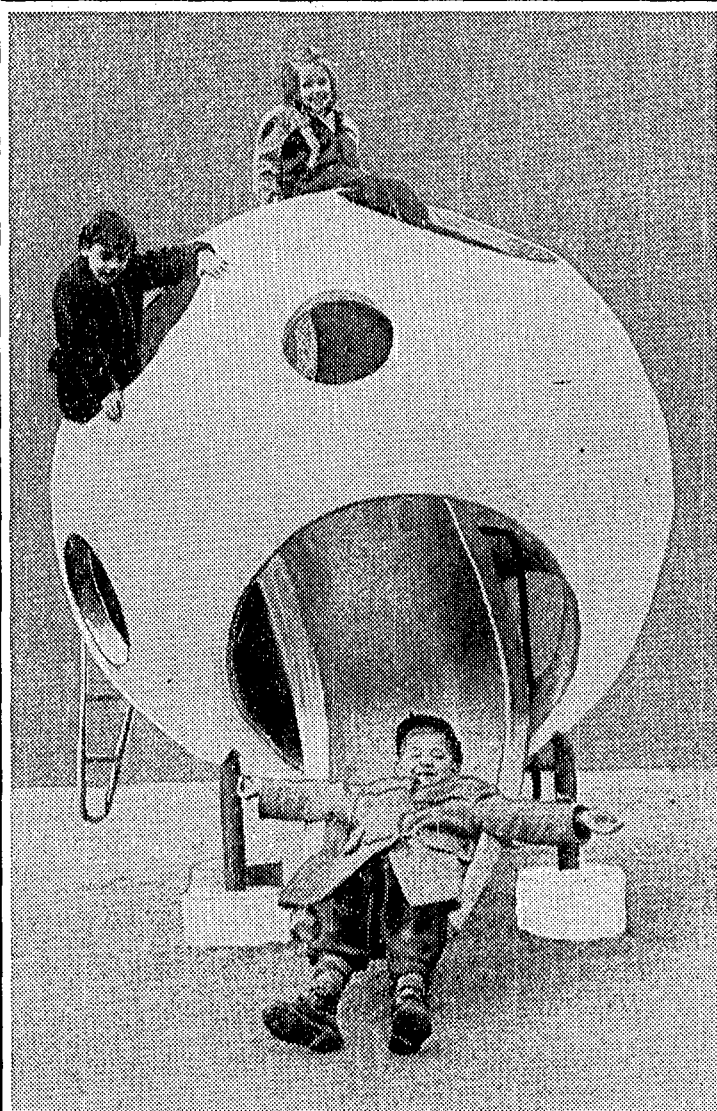
A few minutes later the thoroughfare was jammed with halted vehicles while drivers and passengers were rushing for shelter in neighbouring buildings pursued by clouds of angry bees. It took three hours to get the traffic moving again.

THEIR FIND EARNS THEM £98 EACH

Five children are to share the £490 they found last April hidden at Tain, Ross and Cromarty.

They discovered this treasure, nine £20 notes and 310 £1 notes, in a metal box hidden in a wall, and although the find was advertised no claimants came forward.

The children are three young sisters who live in Tain, and two brothers who were there on holiday.



The latest in slides

Climbing up this modernistic chute in Vienna gives the children just the right sort of exercise needed to keep warm.

ELECTRICITY FOR THE POET'S FARM

Memories of the great Robert Burns

A farm five miles north of Dumfries has just been equipped with electricity, and to celebrate the occasion a representative of the South of Scotland Electricity Board paid a visit. It was his job to switch on the power, and he arrived in a carriage and pair, dressed as Robert Burns.

The farm is Ellisland, where the great poet lived and farmed for three years. It is pleasingly situated above the River Nith—his beloved Nith, "where late wi' careless thought I ranged." Here it was that he wrote some of his loveliest verse, including Tam O'Shanter, the poem which he himself regarded as his best.

Not without good reason has Ellisland been described as a "poet's choice, but not a farmer's." Burns found the soil unprofitable and stony and, although friends had been generous with such practical wedding gifts as a plough and a

heifer, it was soon obvious that the farm could not support the poet and his family.

So towards the end of 1791 they all packed their belongings and moved to Dumfries, where, less than five years later, the poet died at the early age of 37.

In 1921 Ellisland was bought by a Mr. George Williamson, who realised a long-felt ambition by presenting the farmhouse to the nation.

MAKING HOLLAND BIGGER

Plans are being drawn up in Holland for a gigantic scheme to reclaim land from the sea along the coast from The Hook to the Belgian frontier. Besides providing new land for agriculture, travel between south-west Holland and Belgium will be simplified. It is estimated that the work will take 25 years to complete.



Pride in their adopted ship

DANGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Britain and the US take counsel together

The chief reason for the meeting of Sir Anthony Eden and President Eisenhower in Washington was the situation in the Middle East, described by the two leaders as "a potential threat to world peace." Here the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent discusses the essential background to the problems.

FIRSTLY, what is the Middle East?

It may be taken to include all the countries of the Arab League—Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, the Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and the Yemen. It also includes Persia, Israel, Cyprus, Aden, Muscat and Oman, and the territories on the Persian Gulf ruled by sheikhs. But Turkey, which is geographically part of the region, is normally regarded as a European Power.

Secondly, why is the Middle East—cradle of our ancient civilisation—so important? And the answer is that it links three continents, Asia, Africa, and Europe; moreover, it contains 40 per cent of the world's known oil reserves.

For centuries the Middle East was dominated by the powerful Moslem sultans of Turkey who from Constantinople, now Istanbul, controlled the Ottoman Empire.

ATTEMPTS AT CONQUEST

In the 18th century their strength began to decline. British naval power, performing its traditional task of protecting our overseas trade routes, was able to beat off the threats of other Powers ambitious to break through into Africa and southern Asia.

Since the end of the 18th century four wars have been fought to stop conquerors advancing in this way and dominating the world. The first was against Napoleon in Egypt (1798-1801), the second against Russia in the Crimea (1854-56), and the third from 1914-1918 against the Central Powers in Arabia, Palestine (Israel) and Mesopotamia (Iraq). The last bid to conquer the region was made during the Second World War by Germany and Italy.

JOINING UP

A glance at the world map will show that had Japan—the third Axis partner—succeeded in her thrust southwards through Asia by way of India, and had the Italo-German forces under Rommel overrun Egypt and Arabia, the Axis forces would have linked up. In effect they would have been masters of the world.

Today there is evidence of a fifth attempt to gain control of the Middle East. The Power concerned this time is Soviet Russia, and the method is not war, but stirring up unrest and supplying arms to Arab countries.

After the First World War large areas of the Middle East came under the control of Britain and France, the last vestiges of Ottoman influence having been driven out with the defeat of Turkey—now our ally—who fought on the side of the Central Powers.

The Arab countries, although rich in oil, had little means of using it, and their governments were weak and unstable. Great possible wealth

and great actual poverty lay side by side. But despite their weakness these countries sought independence.

The Western Powers increasingly helped them towards this end. By 1948 they voluntarily gave up their mandates for these areas. The question then arose of maintaining bases necessary to stop any aggressive Power from menacing or dominating the region.

On this issue the great debate—involving Cyprus and Jordan in particular—continues. But there are two other issues.

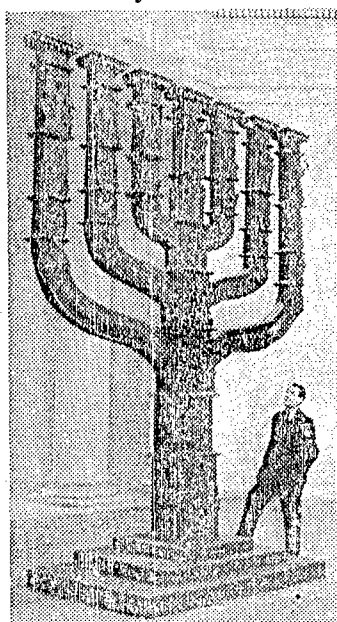
ARMED TRUCE

The first arises from the creation in 1948 of the Palestinian Jewish State of Israel. The Arabs regard the Israelis as aliens in their midst and want to drive them out. Even today the effects of the war between Egypt and Israel, followed by an armed truce, are felt throughout the region.

The second factor is Russia's attitude to the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 by which Britain, France, and the United States undertook to preserve peace and a balance of arms in the Middle East. This undertaking Russia has challenged by encouraging an arms "race."

Complicated and dangerous indeed is the Middle East situation. The Washington talks were merely a single step in a long progress towards ultimate peace and prosperity for the region.

History in bronze



This seven-branched bronze candlestick is to stand in the Israeli Parliament building at Jerusalem. It is 14 feet high and is ornamented with plaques showing the history of the Jewish people. The candlestick is on show at the Tate Gallery in London until the end of February.

Old English money buried in Sweden

A sidelight on England in Ethelred the Unready's time, when the Danes were over-running the land, is revealed by Mr. R. H. M. Dolley of the British Museum.

He has been examining a hoard of Viking coins unearthed in the Swedish island of Gotland. Many of the coins were Danegeld, money given by Ethelred to the Danes or Northmen in hopeless attempts to "buy them off."

Some of these coins, Mr. Dolley believes, were minted on Cadbury Beacon, a Celtic hilltop stronghold, used by the Saxons, near South Petherton in Somerset.

The mint may well have been moved there from Ilchester in 1009 or 1010 to secure it from the Danes. Cadbury Beacon, he thinks "would have been a natural defensive site."

This mint was probably closed in 1017, by which time the Danish King Canute was on the throne.

ELEPHANT ADVENTURE

This story of a dramatic escape appears in the latest report from the Game Warden of Tanganyika.

Early one morning a young man encountered a bull elephant near a well. He whistled to scare it away but this only seemed to enrage the animal which promptly charged from about 20 yards.

The young man, clad only in his blanket, fled across a ploughed field, stumbled, and fell headlong. Luckily he dropped his blanket.

The elephant rushed at it, knelt, and began ripping it to pieces with the man only a few feet away. Then it got up with one leg across the man, so that he was lying beneath its stomach, collected the pieces of blanket with its trunk, made a heap of them—and walked off.

ENERGY FROM THE SUN

How the sun's rays can be harnessed to produce power was discussed not long ago by 700 scientists from 30 countries at Phoenix in Arizona. They were attending the world's first conference on solar energy.

The sun's rays have already been used for producing electricity, for distilling sea water, and for cooking. But only a tiny fraction of their gigantic power is at present being harnessed.

A solar energy installation is expensive to build, delegates at Phoenix pointed out, but once it is in working order it is very cheap to run. A Dutch scientist declared that if better use were made of the sun's power, "the production of our farms and forests could be increased in theory from ten to twenty-fold."

HOLLAND'S WEEK

Sheffield will have a "Dutch" week from March 3 to 10. Housewives will be shown how to cook Dutch food; films, fashions, and art from Holland will be on show, and there will be a broadcast quiz contest between Sheffield and Dutch schools.

News from Everywhere

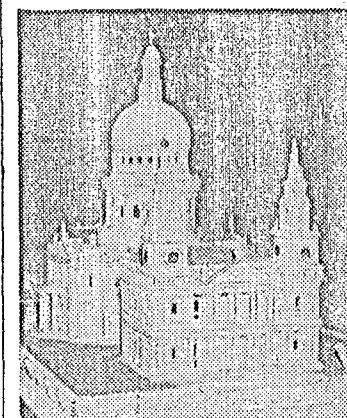
Greece's first oil refinery is being built at Aspropyrgos near Athens. It is expected to start production in about two years' time.

Burns House, Dumfries, where the poet spent the last years of his life, had 22,000 visitors last year.

A stamp machine that says "Thank you" when money is put in has been built by the United States Post Office.

The new P and O cargo liner Salsette is the first ocean-going ship to be fitted with glass-fibre lifeboats.

Cook's cathedral



This prizewinning model of St. Paul's Cathedral was made in icing sugar by the chief pastry cook of a London hotel. It was on show at the Hotel and Catering exhibition in London.

At Verkhoyansk in Eastern Siberia the temperature recently dropped to 102 degrees below freezing point.

On average everybody in the Metropolitan Water Board area last year used 49.46 gallons per day.

STORM-DETECTORS

The whole of the B.O.A.C. Britannia fleet is to be fitted with search radar for detecting storm clouds ahead.

Sydney's underground and overhead railway systems have now been completed after 40 years' work.

Mrs. Jane Boyce, a housewife of Ruislip, Middlesex, has been awarded the British Empire Medal. Single-handed she drove off a bull which was attacking a man.

Rose water in a coconut was used to launch a new Indian Navy minesweeper built at Gosport.

BRAVE SCOUT

The Cornwell Scout Badge has been awarded to Anthony Sansome of Smethwick, Staffordshire. He has won his badges and become a first-class Scout despite many operations during the past two years.

The Post Office scheme of staff suggestions is now 50 years old. There have been 162,000 suggestions, and awards have totalled £63,000.

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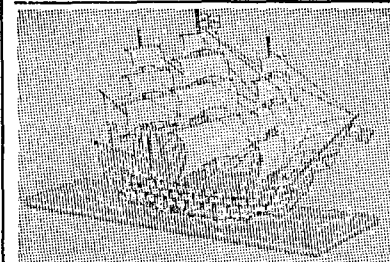
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ELECTRONIC LETTER SORTER

An electronic sorter being tested at Bath Post Office can clear letters three times as fast as a human being. It can also handle letters for 120 destinations, as opposed to the normal 48.

The machine, 16 feet long and six feet high, is operated by one man. As each letter appears in a window in front of him he reads the address and presses the appropriate keys. The letter then moves on and is dropped into the right sack.

As the electronic sorter is proving both economical and effective, it may be introduced in post offices all over the country.

IN AID OF EYES

A new hospital and laboratories are to be built in Jerusalem by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at a cost of over £700,000. This is to fight trachoma, a disease of the eye which causes blindness.

ROBOT WEATHER REPORTER

Members of Operation Deep-freeze—the U.S. expedition to the Antarctic—are using a new type of automatic weather station which is dropped by parachute.

Known as the Grasshopper, this intricate electronic device overcomes the need for manned "met" posts out in the frozen wastes, away from the main bases.

As a station touches the ground, its legs extend and automatically force it upright. Once in position its small radio transmitter begins a round-the-clock weather report.

SHILLING RENT

Twelve enterprising schoolboys, under their 13-year-old leader Anthony Wright, have leased 600 square yards of land from Scunthorpe Borough Council at an annual rent of one shilling.

They have formed the Meteor Speedway Cycle Club and are now constructing a circular track.



They send these saucers flying

Children of Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire, U.S., have found a new way of coming down the snowy slopes. They are now using saucer-shaped sledges, which are far faster than the normal type.

SEARCHING DAVY JONES'S LOCKER

Sheffield Underwater Explorers' Club is to go to Minorca, one of the Balearic Islands, in the summer. They will search for silver believed to have been on board two English warships sunk off the coast there in 1781, during the war with France and Spain. Both vessels, H.M.S. Eagle, a 60-gun ship of the line built in 1745, and a frigate H.M.S. Minorca, went down in about 150 feet of water and the club will try to find them.

HE MOVED HIS FARM BY SPECIAL TRAIN

One night a farmer milked his heard of pedigree British Friesian cattle at Penrith, on the southern border of Cumberland. The next morning he milked them 300 miles away in Surrey.

During the night Farmer Gordon Lancaster and his herd of 100 cattle had travelled down by special train, together with horses, pigs, tractors, and other farm implements.

There were also the contents of four homes in the train, for three of Mr. Lancaster's farm workers also moved to the new farm.

WILLING HELPERS

Melbourne manufacturers of foodstuffs who wanted to find which of their delicacies were most popular among the younger generation, arranged a party for children and kept watch.

They noted that in less than one hour 1500 willing helpers consumed 8000 helpings of pie, 50 cases of bananas, 80 cases of pineapples, 84 tins of biscuits, 75 gallons of soft drinks, and 70 gallons of ice-cream.



Behind the scenes

The Caryl Jenner mobile theatre has been touring round some of the London schools, giving performances to the pupils. Behind the scenes, three children are shown how stage make-up is applied.

PARCEL WORTH £3,000,000

A parcel of rough diamonds sent from London to America recently was worth £3,000,000, but postage cost only 35s. Included in the parcel was the largest diamond discovered since the war—a blue-white stone weighing 426½ carats from the Premier Diamond Mine in Pretoria. It has been described as the most magnificent stone ever discovered in South Africa.

The £3,000,000 transaction was the largest single sale of rough diamonds ever made to one firm.

SEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRY

Glasgow secondary school pupils are to make five-day tours of Scotland this summer to increase their interest in history and geography.

Travelling by bus and sleeping in youth hostels, they will visit the Burns country, the Borderland, the Trossachs, and the cities of Edinburgh, Perth, and Stirling.

TROPICAL FISH IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

From time to time suggestions are advanced that the waters of the North Atlantic are becoming warmer. Strange fish ordinarily found in tropical waters have appeared repeatedly off the Canadian Atlantic coast, including wolf eels, pilot fish, scup, some horseshoe crabs, and even a giant leatherback turtle. Canadian waters have been previously regarded as much too cold for fish of these kinds.



This is a swan flower

A strange Swan Orchid was to be seen at the Manchester and North of England Orchid Society's exhibition recently.

FOR FUTURE OFFICE WORKERS

We should be very puzzled today if a business man told us he had a "female typewriter" in his office. But that was the not-very-flattering term used for women typists towards the end of the 19th century.

This is but one of many sidelights on secretarial work revealed in a Choice of Careers booklet called The Office Worker (Stationery Office, 1s.). It is one which will be found helpful by all schoolgirls who intend to take up office work.

POPULATION PUZZLE IN NIGERIA

How many people are there in Nigeria? Officially the population is 31,500,000, but the Nigerian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Matthew Mbu, says the figure is probably nearer 40 million.

The uncounted millions, he explained, are due to some Nigerians having the mistaken notion that they will be taxed according to the size of their families. So when the census man calls, a Nigerian head of a family of, say, 18 persons, will not own up to more than ten.

The CN National Handwriting Test

Prizes Value £500 to be Awarded

Is your school taking part in CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER'S great handwriting competition? If not, read on—this is the sixth of these nation-wide tests for schoolgirls and schoolboys. There are prizes for both schools and pupils in it, and it is still open.

The Test is for all full-time pupils of schools and colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands who are under 17. Every attempt must be made on the special Entry Form issued only through schools—and only on request. There is still time for form applications to be made, and a coupon for the purpose is provided below.

Each entrant has simply to copy out the Test Passage, given on the Form, in the writing style taught in his or her school, and attach to it one of the Tokens printed each week in CN. There is one in the back page (lower left-hand corner) of this issue, and another will be given in next week's CN—and again in the following issue!

There are Three Age Groups, each with cash prizes as follows:

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RADIO AND TV

MEET THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

If you remember Alexander Dumas' *The Three Musketeers*, in BBC Television, you will be specially keen to tune in to his masterpiece, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, which starts as a new serial in London Commercial TV on Saturday. Two days later it becomes the first serial from the

new Commercial TV station at Lichfield.

The Count will be played by George Dolenz, an actor who has flown over from Hollywood specially for the series. The part of his companion and helper, the lively deaf mute Jacopo, is taken by Nick Cravat, who was once music-hall partner to film star Burt Lancaster and played Bustedluck in the Walt Disney picture *Davy Crockett*.

Although most of *Monte Cristo* is set in France, Producer Dennis Vance has had many of the scenes filmed in Spain, where strong sunshine could be relied on. Much of the action was shot in and around the castle of Segovia and in the district of Manzanares, which is known as the Valley of the Rocks.



George Dolenz, right, as the Count of Monte Cristo—a scene from the television serial

The children sing

CHILDREN'S choirs from many parts of the country are now getting a splendid chance to air their talents in the Light Programme every Saturday morning from 11.30 to 12 noon. The series follows the success of *Let the Children Sing*, broadcast in Christmas Week.

With Franklin Engelmann to introduce them, there are two choirs in each broadcast, one acting as host to the other. On Saturday they are choirs of the Grosvenor High School, Belfast, and the Coleraine Intermediate School, County Derry. Later programmes will be broadcast from Chelmsford, Hammersmith, and Watford.

Television sales

IN 1955, for the first time, more television sets than radios and radiograms were sold in Britain. Figures sent to me by the British Radio Manufacturers' Association show that 1,335,000 TV sets were bought, compared with 1,317,000 radios. In 1954 radio sales numbered 1,518,000 and those of TV sets 1,264,000.

Record hobby

A short time ago Keith Patrick aged 9½, of New Eltham, London, started collecting old phonograph records, which he plays on a 1900 Edison Bell Phonograph. One person has offered Keith two trunk-loads of the old records, which are cylinders, not discs.



The twins from America

TWO 13-year-old American boys play twins in the new Children's Hour serial, *Wings over Tewkesley*, starting on Friday. They are Brian O'Neill and William Crocker, and their respective fathers are a Colonel and a Master-Sergeant serving at the U.S. Army base at Burtonwood near Warrington.

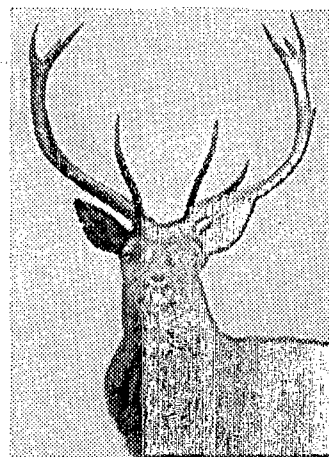
The story, adapted by Muriel Levy from the book by Reginald Taylor, is about school life next door to a U.S. Air Force camp. Some of the scenes were recorded at Bolton School, where the music master, Mr. P. S. Stevens, has an actual part in the play.

While recording the programme at the BBC Leeds studios, Brian and William went to the canteen for their first taste of English food. Both decided that fish and chips were "tops."

Portrait of a deer

THE biggest wild animal in Britain is the red deer, which is the subject of *Look*, in BBC Children's TV this Thursday.

Although so big, red deer are the shyest and most elusive of



creatures, and few people ever see them except by accident. One who does frequently is G. Kenneth Whitehead, whose close-up films of red deer will be shown in the programme. They represent the work of many months' patient stalking.

Apart from a few protected herds, there are red deer in Scotland and wild herds in the Lake District, Cornwall, Devon, and other southern counties.

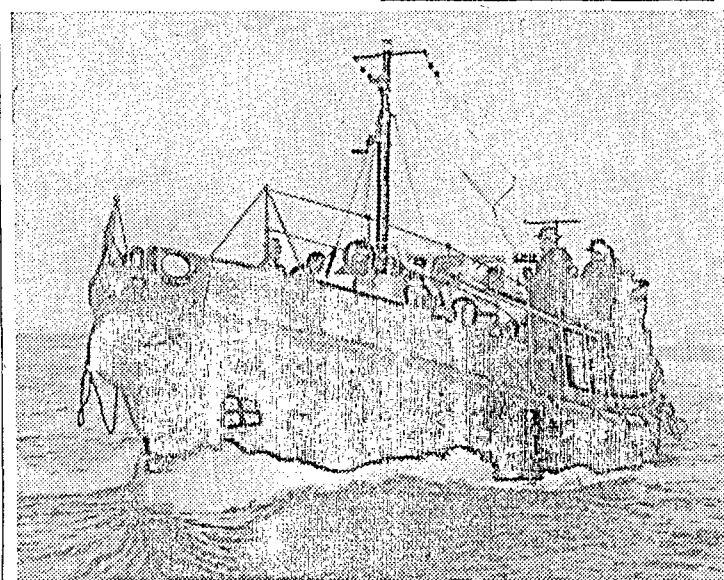
Zero hour in the Midlands

ZERO hour for Commercial Television in the Midlands is 7.45 p.m. on Friday, when the ITA station near Lichfield, Staffordshire, will be declared open by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

Viewers will see the inaugural ceremony which will be attended by Mayors and Mayoresses of many Midland towns, and a number of other well-known personalities.

The evening's programme will include an instalment of *Robin Hood*, followed by boxing, a film, and a cabaret show.

ERNEST THOMSON



Britain's newest lifeboat

Britain's newest lifeboat, the *Dunnet Head*, is named after the most northerly point of Scotland. Operating from Thurso, Caithness, it is the first in the country to have a covered wheelhouse. It was presented by the Civil Service Lifeboat Fund.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Massacre in the Highlands

FEBRUARY 13, 1692. INVERARAY—In darkness this morning, between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m., a company of the Duke of Argyll's regiment stormed the house of Maclan of Glencoe, chief of a branch of the Clan MacDonald, put him to death and killed other members of the household.

This was the beginning of a massacre in the Highland valley of Glencoe. Some 38 men are reported slain; other victims are a woman and her child and a boy of 13.

This savage butchery follows orders sent from London that all Highland clans who had borne arms against King William should take the oath of allegiance before

the end of December last year.

Maclan of Glencoe was one of those chiefs who should have taken the oath, but put off doing so till the last moment and eventually signed after the expiry date. Meanwhile, the Secretary of State, Sir John Dalrymple, a Scotsman, commanded Sir Thomas Livingstone, Commander-in-Chief in Scotland, to send troops to ravage the lands of chiefs who had not submitted.

To this command he added the words: "I hope the soldiers will not trouble the Government with prisoners."

The bulk of the population in the Glen managed to escape, but it is feared that many will die of starvation or exposure.

Death of ex-King Richard

FEBRUARY 17, 1400. WESTMINSTER—An order made here today confirms rumours that Richard, former King of England, is dead. The order is for payment to cover the cost of bringing the King's body from Pontefract Castle, where he was a prisoner, to London.

Rumours reached France as long ago as last month that he had died, but it is stated in London that he died only three days ago, on February 14, and there are disquieting stories that he was starved to death or murdered in his cell.

It was on September 29 of last year that Richard II renounced the Throne in favour of Henry of Bolingbroke, now King Henry IV,

who led a successful revolt against Richard.

Richard, who had surrendered to Henry's men at Conway Castle, was taken to Flint Castle and there mounted on a "sorry horse, not worth more than a couple of pounds" for his ride to London. After being imprisoned for a time in the Tower he was taken, disguised as a forester, to Leeds Castle in Kent, then to the castles of Pickering and Knaresborough and finally to Pontefract.

Richard, who was only 33, came to the Throne at the age of 10. He was the son of famous parents—the "Black Prince," victor of Crecy, and the Countess of Salisbury, known as the "Fair Maid of Kent."

Trinidad captured

FEBRUARY 18, 1797. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad—This island capitulated today without a fight to the British forces which had sailed from Martinique under the command of the 62-year-old General Sir Ralph Abercromby.

The British flag has been hoisted in the port and Sir Ralph has appointed one of his officers, Colonel Picton, to be the first

British Governor of Trinidad.

It is just over a year since the gallant general was ordered to form an expedition to go to the West Indies and seize the French "sugar islands," and he has subdued them one by one.

Trinidad, most southerly of the West Indies islands, is a beautiful island and a rich source of sugar, tobacco, cocoa, and coffee.

BUSINESS IN GREAT WATERS

Three weeks on a Grimsby trawler in the Arctic

A correspondent who has just returned from an Arctic voyage to the Barents Sea in a Distant Water Trawler has had plenty of opportunity of seeing that these deep-sea fishermen do indeed earn their money. Here is his story—a true story of men who live dangerously.

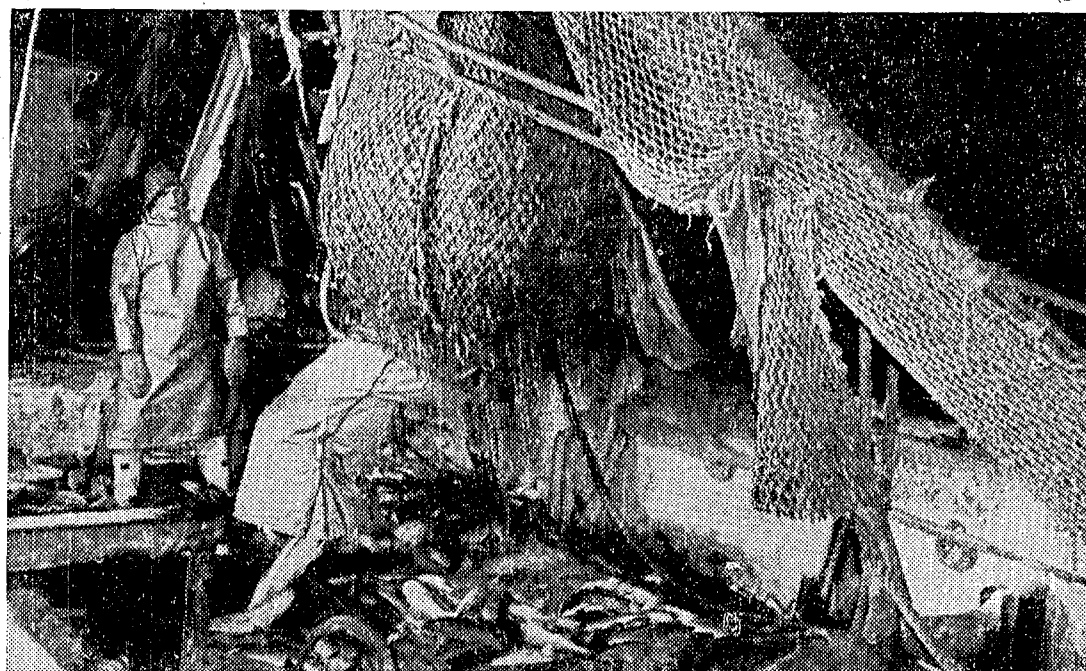
WHEN we left Grimsby in the chill dawn, with a north-west gale blowing, I did not know where we were bound. A skipper's job is a highly responsible one. He has charge not only of the lives of 20 men and a ship that

deckhands, but intensely dramatic to watch. With the snow streaking down, great seas snarling over the bows, the different coloured sou'westers and oilskins gleaming, it all looked like a shot from a Technicolor film.

The trawl is like a huge stocking with a disproportionately wide top or mouth which is held open by two huge "doors" or "otter-boards," each weighing a ton. Along the top lip of the mouth about 60 aluminium balls or "bottles" act as floats, while on the lower lip are a similar number of large metal "bobbins," weighing one cwt. each, which "wheel" the trawl-mouth along the seabed. One very important item of the fishing gear is half a dozen cow-hides, costing £10 apiece, which are sewn on to the bag of the trawl to prevent its being chafed by rocks.

TRICKY OPERATION

We hauled in the trawl every two hours or so, and this was a tricky operation. The skipper had to manoeuvre his ship so that the trawling gear did not get foul of his propeller, which could be a fatal thing to happen in bad weather. The powerful steam-winch on the foredeck began to rumble thunderously and the steel warps which towed the trawl came reeling in with an ominous groan. It took quite a while for the trawl to appear, as we were fishing in 150 fathoms (900 feet) and had



When the net is hauled aboard the fish slip down to the "cod-end." A rope is pulled and the catch falls out

three times that length of warp out—more than half a mile of gear.

It was always an exciting moment when the "cod-end"—the business end—of the trawl bobbed up in the water, caught in the beam of the floodlights which turned the sea a lovely ice-blue. The cod-end looked like a huge mushroom, packed with fish, and you could usually tell from the look of it what sort of catch you had got.

Out of the Arctic night came hundreds of kittiwakes, reeling excitedly. Usually they are fairly silent birds, but as soon as they caught sight of the net they began skirling hungrily and tried to tug the fish through the meshes.

CASCADE OF FISH

Up came the cod-end, hauled in by the derrick, and swung dripping over the deck. The bosun dodged underneath and tugged at the ropes which secured the bag. Into the fishpounds a vast cascade of fish came pouring and slithering and sometimes there was more than a ton of cod, haddock, coal-

fish, sea-bream, catfish, and skate. Sometimes there was a lot of "duff," a strange boulderlike marine growth which tears the nets.

There was no time to waste. As soon as the cod-end had been emptied, the deckhands hastened to get the gear out again and continue their harvest of the sea. The trawler had come to a stop while the net was being hauled in, but as soon as we started towing again we set off at full speed, though the drag and weight of the trawl held us back to a mere four knots. Even so, we plunged and heaved through the hissing sea like a colt at the end of a leading-rein.

The deckhands were hard at work gutting that huge pile of fish. Like all seamen, these trawlermen had a nickname for everything, especially the fish: the middle-sized cod, for example, were called "spraggs," the big haddock were "jumbos," the skate were "jinnies," the sea-bream were "soldiers"—because of their red colour and their poisonous spines.

ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

Quickly, expertly, the men worked away, throwing the cod livers into baskets to be boiled up afterwards, flinging the fish into the aluminium fish-washer in which they were whirled round in salt water and then sent slithering down a chute into the fishroom to be packed in broken ice.

All through the night, and night after night, the work went on. We were away three weeks, the length of most trawler voyages, and when we returned to Grimsby we had a catch of over 2000 kits, a "kit" weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

The market was good and our catch sold for nearly £7000. By the following day the market had slumped and trawlers with half as much fish again received little more than half the money.

As it was the skipper and deckhands of

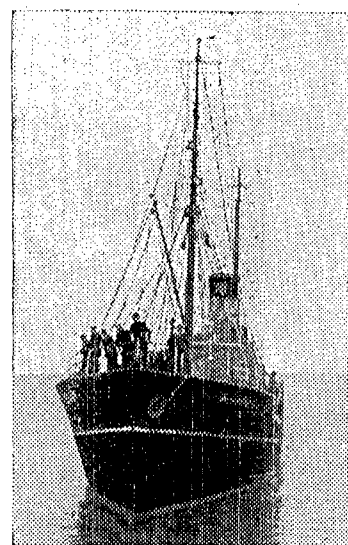
my trawler did well. The skipper would get ten per cent after all the expenses had been paid, while the deckies (deckhands), in addition to their weekly wage of £6 15s., would receive more than £50, including a share of the cod-liver oil money.

But they did not have long to enjoy their earnings. Two days later they were at sea again, ploughing their way towards the grim Arctic.

A trawlerman's job, catching fish for all of us, is certainly well paid, but most of it consists of very arduous overtime and he takes his life in his hands whenever he sets out. While we were out another Grimsby trawler sank off Iceland and four men were drowned.



The cod-end of the trawl net is reeled with a special slip-knot



Outward Bound from Grimsby

probably cost £200,000 to build, but he also has to catch between three and six thousand pounds' worth of fish before the voyage starts to pay for itself. So it is only right that he is given a certain freedom of choice as to where he will go each time.

On this voyage our skipper decided to head for the Barents Sea, which lies between North Cape, Spitzbergen, and Nova Zembla. This meant sailing through the narrow, winding fjords between the Lofoten Islands and the mainland of Norway, which gave us 24 hours of flat, calm steaming through magnificent scenery with the snowclad mountains towering over the blue water on which flocks of eiderduck swam. At night the strange Northern Lights flickered across the sky.

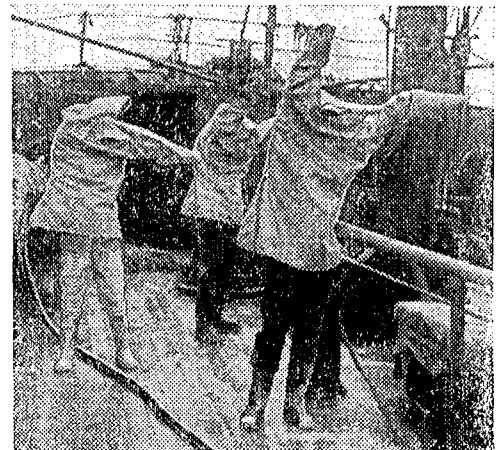
MECHANISED TRAWLING

Sometimes the fjords narrowed to a mere chasm, but radar gave us a clear way through and this was only one of the items of modern equipment the trawler had. For, with automatic fish-finders, echo-sounders, direction-finders, radio-telephones, trawling has become almost as mechanised as farming.

By the time we reached the fishing-grounds on the Skolpen Bank, nearly 72 degrees north and 36 degrees east, the sun was setting at about one o'clock in the afternoon, so that most of the trawling went on by floodlight. This made the work more difficult for the



Knee-deep in slippery fish the crew lower the net again for another good haul



Trawlermen putting on their sea-frocks

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FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

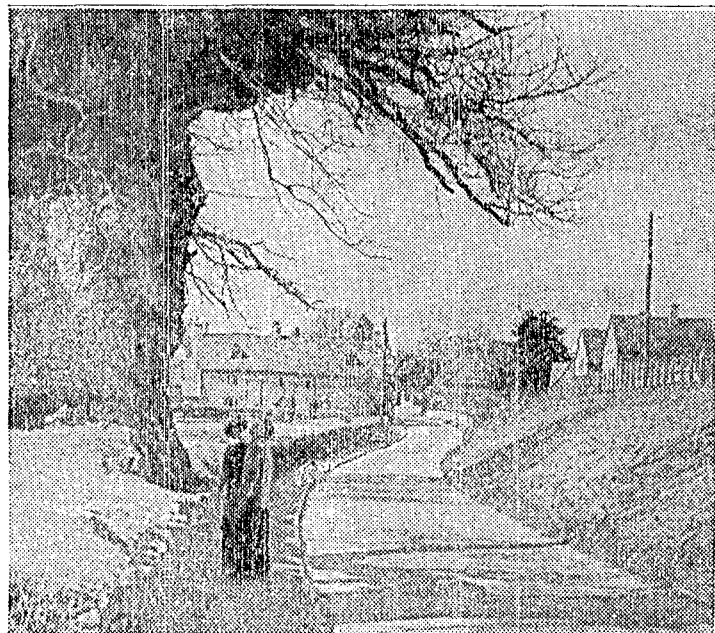
THAT dearly-loved writer, A. A. Milne, has passed from our midst. But he will never be forgotten; the man who created that endearing bear, Winnie the Pooh, is among the immortals as surely as Lewis Carroll.

Oddly enough, the name Pooh started with a swan. A. A. Milne related that his son, Christopher Robin, used to feed a swan he called Pooh. "This is a very fine name for a swan," wrote A. A. Milne, "because, if you call him and he doesn't come (which is a thing swans are good at), then you can pretend that you were just saying 'Pooh!' to show how little you wanted him."

The notion is typical of the gentle fantasy that inspired so much of A. A. Milne's work.

Alan Alexander Milne was born in 1882, a schoolmaster's son. He went to Westminster School and Cambridge, and in 1906 joined the staff of Punch. He served in the Warwickshire Regiment during the First World War and afterwards began to write his far-famed books for children.

Essays, novels, plays, and light verse flowed from his pen, but his most memorable work lay in his writings for the young. Pooh and his friends—Tigger the tiger, Eeyore the donkey, Kanga and her baby Roo—have delighted children the world over and will go on delighting them for all time.



OUR HOMELAND

The Editor's Table

FULL MARKS!

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, laughed heartily at this story told by Mrs. Thorburn Macfarlane, president of the Foreign Press Association in London.

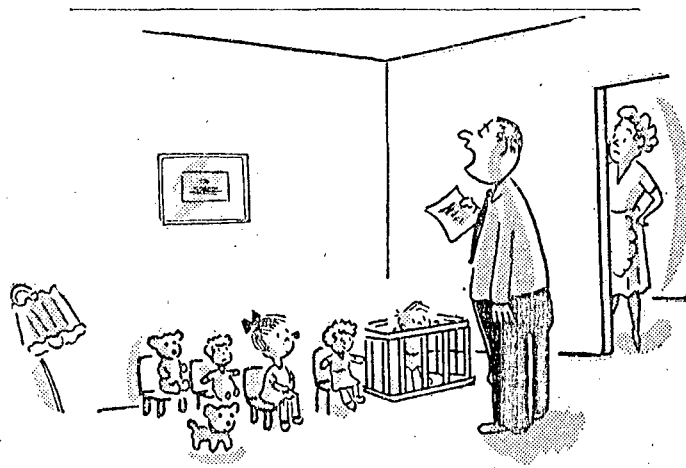
During an inspection of an Atlantic liner, she said, the Archbishop had been shown everything from smokestack to stokehold. Afterwards one of the stokers was asked how he got on with his visitor.

"Oh, fine," was the reply. "He's not one of these over-educated types."

No sleep for sheep

A SCIENTIST who for years has been studying sheep has concluded that they never really go to sleep. They lie down completely and relax only if they are ill; otherwise they seldom close their eyes for more than a few seconds, and even then are alert to the slightest noise.

There is evidently no truth in the story that ewes advise their lambs to try counting shepherds in order to get to sleep.



"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure . . ."

Not disgraced

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD Gordon McVay is the hero of Latymer Upper School at Hammersmith, London. For he won his friends a half-day's holiday.

Gordon was chosen to oppose Gilbert Harding in an intelligence test in front of BBC television cameras. And he won!

Mr. Harding was beaten—but not disgraced. One of the examiners, Professor Joseph Lauwerys of London University, assured him that his score showed he had a "very superior intelligence and would certainly have won a place at a grammar school and at a university. The professors would have been very glad to have you."

Think on These Things

WHEN Jesus was a boy he would be taught to say His prayers day by day. And the last words He spoke on the Cross, "Into Thy hands I commend my Spirit," were taken from one of the psalms taught by every Jewish mother to her child. Jesus would learn them at His mother's knee.

When He was a boy Jesus was taken by His parents to the holy synagogue. We know that this became a regular habit for we read in St. Luke's gospel how He went to the synagogue "as His custom was." Each Sabbath day Jesus went to church to worship God, a habit He learnt when He was a boy.

O. R. C.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
February 20, 1926

A CAPITAL little suggestion has been made for relieving pressure on London traffic. It is the idea of making use of the vacant land round Bush House in the Strand.

There are more than ten thousand square yards of land doing nothing here while they are waiting for a purchaser. Why not level the land and allow motor-cars to be parked there, making a charge sufficient to cover expenses?

The suggestion is strongly supported by the A.A. and the R.A.C., and we hope something will come of it. What to do with motor-cars in town is a constant problem, and opportunities of this kind should not be neglected.

THEY SAY . . .

THE Queen is the most wonderful ambassadress.

Lady Davidson, M.P.

INSTEAD of the old saying of no smoke without fire, the Government's task is to make fire without smoke.

The Minister of Housing at the Fuel Efficiency Exhibition

PSYCHIATRIC treatment is no substitute for backbone.

A Manchester magistrate

THERE is little essential difference between pigs and human beings.

A Brazilian pig-breeder

QUIZ CORNER

1. Exactly how long is a year?
2. What is the name of the instrument used to tell if a surface is horizontal?
3. What are oak-apples?
4. Which famous English poetess had a dog named Flush?
5. When was the first F.A. Cup Final played at Wembley, and who won it?
6. Why does the Dead Sea deserve its name?

Answers on page 12

Out and About

THE hedgerows still look bare, but every day now shows the influence of Spring on all the countryside, though it spreads much more slowly in the northern than in the southern counties.

Our walk took us by the edge of the common where the gorse bloom is a fiery yellow, and then past the village churchyard, in which, looking over the old flint wall, we saw some early primroses of delicate pale yellow, and clumps of the yellow coltsfoot.

No sign of green yet in the hedgerows nearby, but on several hawthorns we found a beetle-shaped, light brown object firmly stuck on a stem. It was the cocoon made by a Hawthorn sawfly caterpillar in the autumn before becoming a chrysalis; next May it will have completed its wonderful change and will emerge as a flying creature.

PRAYER AT BED-TIME

ERE I let fall the windows of mine eyes,
Sleeping and waking, O, defend me still.

(Richard III, Act 5)

JUST AN IDEA

As Descartes wrote: It is not enough to have a sound mind; the principal thing is to make a good use of it.

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Next Week's Birthdays

February 19

Rt. Hon. Clement Davies (1884). Leader of the Liberal Party, M.P. for Montgomeryshire since 1929. President of the Parliamentary Association for World Government.



February 20

Michael Ayrton (1921). Painter. Sir John Gielgud commissioned him to design scenery and costumes for a production of Macbeth. He also created some famous sets for Sadler's Wells and Covent Garden. Was art critic of The Spectator. Now devotes himself wholly to painting.

February 21

Cardinal Griffin (1899). Archbishop of Westminster. Ordained in 1924 he spent much of his early career in Birmingham where he was Bishop Auxiliary before being appointed, in 1944, to the highest position of the Roman Catholic Church in England. He became a Cardinal in 1946.

February 22

Benno Moiseiwitsch (1890). One of the world's greatest pianists. Born in Odessa he won the Rubenstein Prize at the Imperial School of Music there at the age of nine, then studied with the great Leschetitzky at Vienna. Came to England when he was 18 and gave his first concert, at Queen's Hall, next year, achieving immediate success. Has lived in England ever since and is a British subject. He has played all over the world.

February 23

Samuel Pepys (1633-1703). Famous diarist and distinguished public servant who laid the foundations for the administration of the Navy. His wonderful diary provides a most vivid and detailed picture of many famous men and women and of the London of Charles II.



February 24

David Langdon (1914). Cartoonist and illustrator. Regular contributor to Punch, he also created the character of Billy Brown of London Town, for the London Passenger Transport Board.

February 25

Pierre-Auguste Renoir (1841-1919). Impressionist painter. He began his career painting designs on porcelain at the rate of sixpence for a dozen pieces. He ended it in an heroic struggle against arthritis.



AROUND THE ISLES OF GREECE

Geoffrey Trease gave CN readers an exciting yarn about Greece in *The Island of the Gods*; and he has returned to this land of heroic history and legend in his latest book, *The Young Traveller in Greece* (Phoenix House, 8s. 6d.).

As in all the books of this excellent series, description of places is pleasantly linked with a realistic travel story of two young people. The two here are 15-year-old Nicola Wharton and Martin Murry, who meet on the boat from Brindisi. They and their parents make amusing travelling companions with whom to recall the glories of this ancient country and learn of the variety of its life today.

The book is lavishly illustrated with photographs.

FISH AND CHIPS FOR 750, PLEASE

A Leeds restaurant got a rather large order the other day. It was for 750 portions of fish and chips. Fortunately, the proprietor was given some notice, so he was able to have them ready at Leeds City Station as requested.

A firm with branches in Hull, Grimsby, and North Shields had treated its employees to a pantomime and had arranged for fish and chips on the journey back.

STAMP ALBUM

FAITHFUL CAMEL



THE SUDANESE STAMP ON THE LEFT (ISSUED 58 YEARS AGO) SHOWS A CAMEL-POSTMAN. THE MODERN STAMP ON THE RIGHT IS THE SIXTH SEPARATE ISSUE ON WHICH THIS PICTURE HAS BEEN REPRODUCED.



The right place to skate

Four girls from Holland Park, London, know that roads and pavements are the wrong place for skating. Here they are in the local recreation ground, which is the right place.

CELEBRATIONS ON THE OLD SOUTHEND LINE

Special celebrations will mark the centenary of the former London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway, which in its time bore so many happy parties of London schoolchildren for a day at the sea. The line is at present being modernised and electrified.

On Saturday March 3, one of the original L.T. and S. locomotives will haul a special train from Southend to the London terminus, Fenchurch Street. It was at first hoped that the train would be composed of six old coaches, but it has now been decided that it will be made up of one fully-restored coach and five new coaches. The passengers on this run will be prominent people connected with the line and with Southend. In addition, there will

be a number of people in the dress of 100 years ago.

Two exhibitions are also being held at Southend, for London's nearest seaside resort is taking an active part in the occasion. Not only will there be equipment and rolling stock, including some of the latest, at the Central Station, but at the Odeon Cinema there will be relics and models of the old company contrasted with modern equipment. Tickets for both these exhibitions will be in the form of an original L.T. and S. ticket, stamped with one of the original dating machines.

Model railway clubs in Southend have been asked to co-operate and there will be a full-sized engine cab with a film to give the impression of driving at speed.

TOP-FLOOR RAILWAY

Men at a large Rotherham steel-works are making a model that would delight all boys. It is a scale model of the works' 50-mile railway system, and in order to house it an extra storey has been added to one of the offices.

SHEARING MARATHON

A team of nine men set up a new shearing record in New Zealand when they dealt with 3156 sheep in nine hours. Each man clipped nearly a ton of wool during this record day of hard and rapid work.

REPORT ON WILD LIFE

WILD GEESE OF THE WINTER

Do you know the white-fronted goose, one of the three common kinds of wild grey geese which come to our country in winter? About 12,000 white-fronted geese visit Britain each winter from northern Russia.

The term "white-fronted" in bird names means that the head has a white front. But you may also notice black bars across the belly of this goose as it flies overhead. Or perhaps you may recognise it from its call, a strange, laughter-like *lulluk, lulluk, lulluk*.

All over Europe naturalists are very concerned about some of the wildfowl which breed in other lands and visit us in winter. In particular are they anxious to save the brent goose, one of the small, black, seashore geese which visits Holy Island off the Northumberland coast, because its numbers have so seriously decreased.

From Malvern in Worcestershire a reader writes that a spotted woodpecker has been visiting the

not always agree. In East Anglia and Morecambe Bay the oyster-catchers, common black and white birds of the seashore, are said to attack the cockle beds which the



Oyster catcher

fishermen work. A staff biologist of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has described an official study he made of this problem on the great cockle beds of Morecambe Bay.

He estimated that the average oyster-catcher ate 14 to 21 cockles an hour during its feeding period on a 7½-hour tide. For these birds feed chiefly during the ebb which uncovers their food.

As the birds eat by night as well as by day, according to the tide, it was further estimated that each bird ate 214 to 315 cockles in 24 hours in winter. The number of birds counted by photography in the area ranged from 25,000 to 36,000.

Your first signs of Spring may be the newborn lambs, or the catkins on the birch trees and alders.

But in other places it is the watcher by a weir who may see his first sign. Already in January Spring salmon from the Bristol Channel had migrated up the River Severn to the fish-pass at Shrewsbury; and from the Irish Sea up the Welsh Dee to the weir at Llangollen. If you visit some of the weirs on the famous salmon rivers of Scotland or the West Country you may be lucky enough to see these silvery fish leaping to reach their up-stream spawning beds.

E. H.



Spotted woodpecker

garden for food for the past three winters. This black and white bird might be either the greater spotted woodpecker which has a black back; or the lesser spotted kind which has its back barred black and white and is one of our most widely distributed woodlanders, especially in birch woods. In winter, if trees are nearby, it may often be lured to the garden bird-table.

Fishermen and naturalists do



NAVY
WITH ONLY
ONE SHIP!

IN 1909 THE ENTIRE LIBERIAN NAVY CONSISTED OF ONE SHIP - THE LARK! ORIGINALLY THE BRITISH GUNBOAT EROS, SHE WAS BOUGHT BY LIBERIA TO COLLECT TAXES AND SUPPRESS SMUGGLING. SO SUCCESSFUL WAS SHE THAT IN FIVE YEARS THIS AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S REVENUE WAS DOUBLED.

CURIOUS CURRENCY



THE UNIT OF COINAGE IN HAITI IS CALLED A GOURDE. THIS TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE ISLAND'S MELON-LIKE FRUIT, WHICH HAS A RIND USED FOR UTENSILS. THE STORY GOES THAT ONE HAITIAN LEADER CONFISCATED ALL THE FRUITS, OFFERING TO EXCHANGE THEM FOR PRODUCE. WHEN HAITI STARTED HER OWN CURRENCY THE NAME GOURDE WAS USED.

JEWEL HOUSE AT WESTMINSTER

A moat has been discovered round the little-known 14th-century Jewel House at Westminster. Believed to have been used in medieval times as a stronghold for the king's treasure, this building is to become an interesting showplace with a small museum of relics of old Westminster.

The recently excavated moat is ten feet deep and 15 feet wide. Parts of its stone walls had crumbled, but these are being restored, and possibly the moat may be filled with water after Easter when the public are admitted for the first time to the Jewel House.

The ancient building stands at the end of a quiet mews off Great College Street and parallel with Millbank.

14-year-old concert pianist

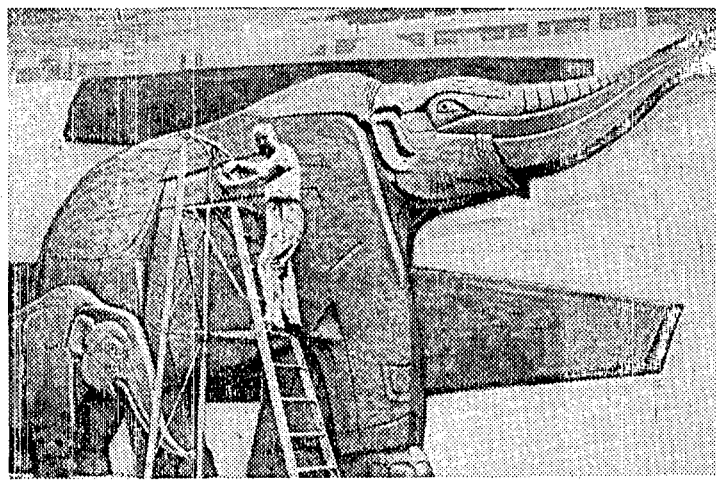
This is a portrait of Stella Sterman, who recently had the distinction of playing a Mozart piano concerto with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Stella is only 14 but she acquitted herself well, playing in a confident style that won her a great ovation.

Bournemouth has good reason to be proud of this brilliant girl pianist.



Rocking the baby

The ancient Rocking Ceremony has been held in Blidworth Church, Nottinghamshire. A medieval custom revived in 1922, it symbolises the presentation of the child Jesus at the Temple. The last baby boy to be christened before the ceremony was chosen to be rocked in the century-old cradle before the altar.



Ancestors of the elephant

A 12-foot-high mastodon and its baby—ancestors of the elephant—form the decoration at the entrance to the new elephant building at the Cleveland Zoo in Ohio, U.S.A.

The old lady of Kano

Among the citizens of mud-walled Kano who will greet the Queen on February 16 will be Ethel Miller. For 48 years she has lived in Northern Nigeria and for 27 of them in a little cottage just outside the city gates of Kano, where a C N correspondent met her recently.

Her story begins in the little Devon town of Honiton, where the Miller family had their home. Her brother, Dr. Walter Miller, was for fifty years the most honoured Briton in Northern Nigeria. He began his missionary work there in 1899, and his sister followed in 1907.

CYCLING THROUGH FORESTS

She arrived in Lagos with a bicycle and a sewing machine and began to trek inland along the forest paths northwards to the city of Zaria, where no Englishwoman had ever trodden. For three months she walked and cycled northwards to the little hut her brother had built for her, and there she began helping him in his dispensary and his preaching of the Gospel.

Such was the beginning of Ethel

Miller's good work in Nigeria—work that has never ceased.

She loves the Hausa people and speaks their language like a native. She has lived among them by faith all through the years, and never once has she been without food or a place to live in.

Today Ethel Miller and her bicycle are one of the sights of Kano as she rides about in the African sunshine. In her cottage she receives many visitors. The thick mud walls keep her home cool in the tropical heat, and around it is a little English garden with roses.

She is now 78, but she has an upright figure and an active mind and refuses to admit that she is an elderly woman.

LIFETIME OF SERVICE

The camel caravans coming into Kano and the planes flying over her cottage are a symbol of the great changes she has seen. But she herself has not changed. A lifetime of unflinching service and friendship for the people of her adopted country has made her a legend in this land bordering the Sahara Desert.

Ethel Miller's place in the story of Nigeria is secure for all time.

HIS POEMS WERE SONGS

Heinrich Heine and his story

ON February 17 just 100 years ago died Heinrich Heine, the most famous of German lyric poets, and a man who was also a brilliant writer of prose, mostly expressions of an ardent political idealism. After a life of storm and suffering his work had contributed much to a new conception of a civilised Europe, though his occasional bitterness and his revolutionary zeal made him enemies.

This man, born of orthodox Jewish parents at Düsseldorf on December 13, 1797, was called Harry, but renamed himself Johann Heinrich Heine when he was baptised as a Christian in 1825. He took this step chiefly because it was then the only way for a Jew to obtain the rights of German citizenship, and much of his political fierceness was encouraged by his defence of the Jewish community.

Heine wanted the Jews to enter into and enrich the civilisation of Europe. This was precisely his own achievement, though he had to pay for being ahead of the times.

Heine spent more than half of his working life in Paris and made personal contacts with many of the famous men there, finding himself at home in the heyday of the romantic movement in literature. Some of Byron's poems inspired his early lyrical poetry, and one of his many biographers has called him "The Byron of Göttingen," referring to his restless period of study as a young man at the old university of Göttingen in the 1820's.

As a poet he soon became much more than this, and two volumes of his songs in the 1830's made him famous. Many who cannot read German have indirectly been able to feel the power of Heine because many of these were set to music by Brahms, Schubert, and

Schumann. He did, in fact, inspire a great variety of music.

His best lyrics are often poignantly sad but clear and simple and often sharpened by the poet's keen mind.

Heine's life-long sufferings were largely due to disease which caused him to be bed-ridden with paralysis for the last nine years of his life. But his triumph was to be a real creator in art and an intellectual awakener of his age, despite very great handicaps.

Here is a translation of one of Heine's verses:

*The air grows cool and darkles,
The Rhine flows calmly on;
The mountain summit sparkles
In the light of the setting sun.*



Preserving Scotland's forests

The great gales of 1953 flattened 15,000 acres of woodland in the north-east of Scotland and only prompt action by the Forestry Commission saved the finest strains of Scotland's trees from being lost for ever.

Experts visited every area cutting the fresh young shoots from the choicest of the fallen forest giants and grafting them on to young trees.

Today when a new forest is being planted in Scotland only the best pedigree seeds are used. A new organisation called the Scottish Forest Tree Seed Association gives advice on the matter so that the trees in Scottish woodlands will grow even taller, straighter, and nobler.

THE LION OF ST MARK—new picture-version of G. A. Henty's thrilling story (8)



Francis pounced on the guard and warned him to keep quiet while he was bound. But the man said that if he were left here, he would be killed for allowing Francis to escape. He, too, wanted to escape from Ruggiero, and he swore his most solemn oath that if Francis would let him go, he would not raise the alarm. Francis trusted him. They changed clothes, then left the cell together, locking the door behind them.



Aware that Ruggiero was not on board his ship yet, Francis went to the beach and told some fishermen, who were about to row out to the vessel, that he was one of the crew. They took him with them. When they reached the ship the pirates, eager to buy fish, did not recognise Francis in the gaoler's clothes. He hid among some barrels below. The ship took six days to reach Corfu, but the stow-away found food and water in the hold.



The ship stopped off a lonely beach at night. The pirates entered their boats to go ashore and kidnap Signor Polani's daughters for their leader, Ruggiero—the attempt Francis hoped to frustrate. Daringly he went over the side with the crew into a boat, and in the darkness was not recognised as a stranger. But he was on tenterhooks as they rowed ashore. There he quietly slipped away and hid behind some rocks.



His next problem was to find out where the Polani's Corfu house lay—and get there before the pirates. When they marched off he hurried inland. Seeing a light in a cottage, he knocked on the door and entering, found a peasant family seated at their supper. The sudden appearance of a stranger startled them; the children began crying with fright, and their father jumped to his feet threateningly.

How will these humble folk, living in troubled times, treat Francis? See next week's instalment

Continuing

BLUE JOHN SECRET

by Garry Hogg

My sister Nessa and I, with our guardian, Bruce, are staying in Derbyshire with friends of Bruce's, Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow and their son John. John believes there is treasure hidden in one of the old lead mines, and that we can get into it by a back entrance.

7. Airborne!

WHATEVER adventures may lie in store for us in future, I don't think any single day could possibly hold more excitement for us than the day we had our first sailplane trip.

"What about it?" Bruce asked Dick Brownlow at breakfast one morning.

"There is a 'slope' wind again at last, thank goodness," Dick answered. "After days and days of an east wind that has made gliding impracticable."

"Steady, too, what is more," Bruce added, looking at the white clouds drifting from west to east across a brilliant blue sky.

"Come on, folks," Dick said, and went off with John to get out the car. Then, with Bruce and Dick in front, and Mrs. Brownlow, John and Nessa and me in the back, we set off for the gliding-ground, high above the level on which the house was built.

The C.F.I.

The road we had to take to reach the summit wound and zig-zagged up the steep slope from which the "slope" wind—the true glider-man's wind—got its name, but at last we levelled out on the high plateau of heathery turf we had so often looked at from below.

"Here we are," said Dick, and ran the car out of the way onto a beaten square close beside a low building, the Glider Club's headquarters. "Now let's go and have a word with the C.F.I."

"The C.F.I.," John told us hurriedly, "is the Chief Flying Instructor. He is an old R.A.F. friend of Dad's, and one of the finest sailplane experts in England. Or even in the world," he added. "As a matter of fact, he is teaching me to fly," he ended casually.

Mock surprise

Nessa and I stared at him for a moment in admiration. "You?" Nessa said.

"Sure," said John, a little defiantly. "Why not?"

"Grand flying weather again, Dick," said the C.F.I., coming across to meet us. He had already met Bruce, of course, but Dick introduced us to him. "What, never been in a sailplane? Good gracious me!" he said in mock surprise. "Well," he cocked a twinkling eye at Bruce and Dick, "we had better remedy that without delay. What do you think?"

"Yes, please!" Nessa and I answered.

"Well, since I have succeeded in

dragging them up here," Dick said, "I think they ought to go through with it, don't you?"

"Right," the C.F.I. said, rubbing his hands. "You take Lance up and I'll take his sister. John, old man, you will have to stay put. I'm afraid there are only two twin-seaters available at the moment."

"I'm easy," John said, hiding his disappointment nobly. "I've been up dozens of times already, haven't I?"

"Yes, you are well on your way to your 'B' Certificate, certainly. I don't mind betting that when the day comes you will be the youngest fully qualified pilot in this club!"

Like giant birds

The whole party of us then started to walk away from the Club House, which stood fairly close to the edge of the plateau that was the take-off ground for the sailplanes. First, though, the

SECRET CODES AND SIGNALS

12. The slide-rule system

FOUR strips of cardboard are used in this slide-rule code, two measuring 6½ inches long and two about 13 inches. All strips are marked off in quarter inches. The alphabet is written on the small strips, straightforward on one and in reverse on the other. The numbers from 1 to 50 are marked on one long strip and on the second piece the figures 51 to 100. In our drawing only a section is shown.

The inner slide-rule can be moved back or forward, and

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P

when coding a message either the upper or lower alphabet can be used by prior arrangement with the recipient of the message who must, of course, have similar cards. He must also know the arrangement of the first letter and the two numbers, in our example A, 5, 71.

A message is put into code by substituting each letter in the message for one of the code figures, which can be taken from either of the two inner centre lines directly below the letter. (If the lower alphabet is being used the code figures are taken above each letter.)

Using the upper alphabet from the section in the sketch the two words "Hide Jack" could be written as follows: 12, 79, 74, 9, 80, 5, 73, 81.

C.F.I. had a word with the man in charge of the big ex-barrage-balloon winch that was used for catapulting the sailplanes into the air.

Not far away there lay on the turf a long, thin, stranded-steel cable. "Get hold of this, Lance," said the C.F.I., and picked up the looped end.

He slung it over his shoulder, one fist inside the noose, and I closed in behind him, gripping the cable firmly though my hands had gone slippery with excitement.

"Come on, Ness," I called out. "Tail-on here. There's plenty of room!"

John and Bruce and Mrs. Brownlow, too, tailed-on behind us, and soon we were all heading back from the ridge, our eyes glued to a pair of big sailplanes that were parked on the turf quite close together. In the distance they looked like two giant birds that had just alighted with outstretched wings, but one wing of each was tilted at an angle upwards to the sky.

"Are we going up in those?" Nessa said, a little breathlessly, from behind my shoulder.

"We will do a spot of ridge-soaring, eh, Dick?" said the C.F.I. "Half-a-dozen turns each way, and then a spin out over the plain before we come in."

"Just enough to get them their 'air-legs'!" answered Dick, laughing.

Fragile looking

I wished he would walk faster. I could hardly wait to reach the sailplanes we were going to have our first flight in, but the C.F.I. stumped steadily forward, gripping the noose, and we had to keep behind him, a long, straggling line of us joined to one another by that thin steel cable.

"Aren't they fragile-looking!" Nessa said, when we had at last reached them and the C.F.I. had attached the noose of the cable to a complicated hook in the nose of one sailplane.

"As they have no engine, there is no need for heavy struts and girders," Dick said, overhearing her remark. "But isn't she a thing of beauty!"

She certainly was, and Nessa and I prowled excitedly round her, admiring her lovely lines, her long tapering wings, her delicately shaped rudder and elevators. And to think that in such a flimsy craft as this people had made flights of hundreds of miles, and soared to 20,000 feet and more!

Cut off

"Hop in," the C.F.I. said to me as I was prowling round. Dick nodded. "Come on, Lance. Nessa and the C.F.I. won't be able to take off till we are away and the cable has been brought back here for them."

I hopped in, not needing to be told a second time! Or, rather, I gingerly scrambled over the side

and lowered myself into the seat alongside the pilot's seat.

"First, your safety harness," the C.F.I. said, bending over me, his hands holding the ends of some webbing straps. "Top right over your shoulder, then bottom left. Now the other pair. Right." He stepped back. "O.K., Dick?" he asked briskly.

Dick nodded, and the C.F.I. lifted the Perspex hood and lowered it over the two of us. It was like what I should imagine it is inside a giant spaceman's helmet!

From that moment I felt completely cut off from everyone else except Dick. We were in a little bubble-world of our own, he and I. I was almost too excited to breathe, and in fact I realised I was actually holding my breath because my heart began to thump like a motor-cycle engine.

"You all right, old chap?" Dick had turned to me. I wondered if he had heard, or perhaps even felt, my heart beating!

"I'm fine," I answered.

Thumbs up

"Good man!" He turned away and gave the thumbs-up sign. Through the Perspex I saw the C.F.I. turn and wave to a man on a white-painted wooden stand, with a flag in each hand. At the C.F.I.'s signal the man began making a sort of rotary movement with one flag, high over his head, and as he did so Dick explained: "That is for the winch man. It means 'Take up the slack.' Hold on, now."

A second after he had said that I felt a slight jerk forward, as

though someone had pushed the back of my seat into the small of my back. Before I had realised it, almost, our sailplane had begun to move over the turf. It was rather bumpy at first, and the pressure increased as the signaller began to move both flags up and down.

"That means 'Full Out,'" Dick said, and out of the corner of my eye I saw that the two men who had been running alongside us, one at each wing-tip, holding us on an even keel, had now dropped astern.

Then it dawned on me that the bumping had ceased, and the plane soared upwards. It was like being in a fast lift. Then I was aware of a gliding motion, smoother even than sliding on ice. I was aware, too, of a faint, musical whistling: the wind flowing back over the beautifully streamlined fuselage.

Free of the cable

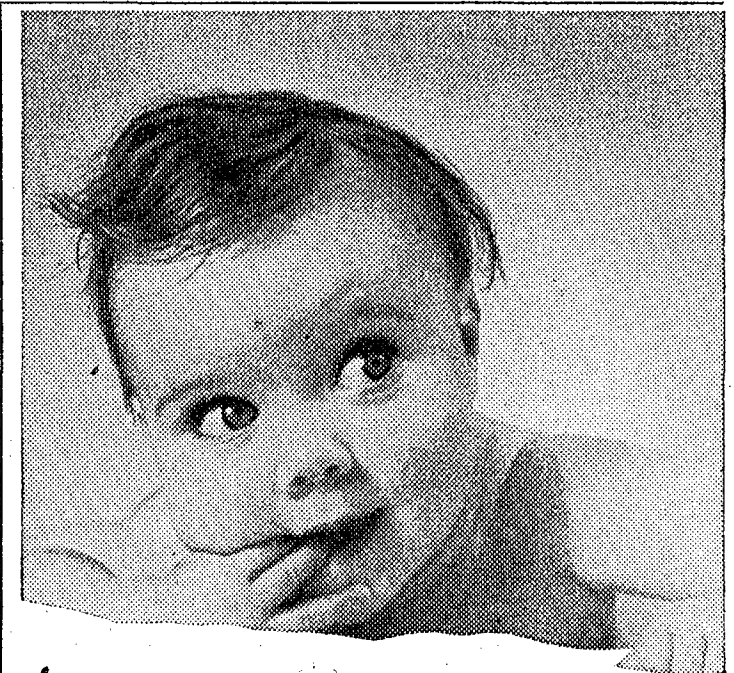
I looked out over my left shoulder, my nose pressed up against the Perspex. I could see what looked like a steel rod slanting down to earth in front of our sailplane: the steel cable we had dragged over the turf with us! And suddenly, as Dick touched a lever, the cable, that had till then been like a steel rod, went slack, curled and writhed in the air like a whiplash, and slowly dropped to the ground beneath.

The whistle of the wind died away. The humming, which I now realised had been caused by the tension of the cable, ceased.

"Air-borne," Dick said, turning towards me. "Like it, Lance?"

Like it? I was too excited to answer!

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ZOO NEWS

WHIPSNADE GETS READY FOR THE CHILDREN

A COMPREHENSIVE display of all types of tame and pet animals is being planned for the new Children's Zoo due to open at Whipsnade in the Spring.

"Not only shall we have tame mammals and birds on show, plus the usual riding animals," says an official, "but there will be a section for reptiles, another for insects, and one also for 'bottle-babies'."

"Some of the reptiles and insects have already arrived. They were specially collected for us in Uganda recently by Mr. Peter Scott. They include a number of small snakes and lizards, stick insects, giant millipedes, and water scorpions. Other interesting creatures will be added before the season opens."

BUSY GARDENERS

Whipsnade's new Children's Zoo covers about four acres of ground and already has many inmates in quarters which have been specially designed not only for their comfort, but for easy servicing by the staff. Particularly busy during the winter has been the gardening department, whose members have planted 6000 shrubs and laid over 10,000 new turfs.

The total cost of the new project is estimated to be nearly £25,000. The biggest single attraction planned for 1956, the Children's Zoo is expected to bring the Bedfordshire Zoo-park a record "gate" of over a million visitors. Last year the attendance at Whipsnade was 601,559.

Interest at Regent's Park at the moment centres on two tiny white-shelled eggs, no larger than peas, which are incubating in the reptile house laboratory. The puzzle is, what is going to step out of these eggs?

"They are among the things Mr. Peter Scott brought home from Uganda," Overseer Lanworn tells me. "They were found in an old building and are almost certainly gecko eggs, although what sort of gecko we don't know—there are so many varieties of these little lizards in this part of the world."

SNAKES' SKINS WANTED

"The eggs have such delicate, brittle shells that Mr. Scott brought them home 'packed' like rare jewels—in the softest of cotton-wool, in a small wooden box. They are still on the wool in the incubator, where I am keeping them in a temperature of 75 degrees. What the incubation period is no one knows, of course, because the identity of the species is not known."

So many people have been asking for the discarded skins of the Zoo snakes that for once the supply is temporarily exhausted. Why should visitors want these skins?

"It has always been a bit of a puzzle," says Mr. Lanworn. "The skins are not really of any practical use. They soon break up. The only skins which have any commercial value are those

taken from freshly-killed snakes, and, of course, we do not kill our snakes for this or any other purpose."

Most seekers of skins, it seems, want them as curios or souvenirs; a few believe their possession brings luck, and one elderly woman was firmly convinced that, if kept in the house, the skins ward off rheumatic complaints!

BIRD WATCH-DOG

A large and aggressive curassow (South American turkey-like bird) is making a very successful "watch-dog" at the Eastern Aviary. This aviary is so constructed that, in order to reach the keepers' room, visitors have to pass through the aviary. As the aviary contains a number of pigeons and other birds, there was always the risk that some would fly out as a visitor entered.

"Then we had the idea of introducing this curassow into the cage," said Headkeeper Gregory. "He is a most challenging bird and, although quite harmless, he stands on guard by the door, ready to peck at a visitor's ankles the moment he enters. Rather than risk entry, most people now stand outside and call to us if they want us, which is as we want it."

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Stamp News

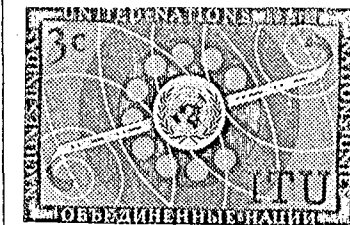
ONE of New Zealand's recent Southland Centennial stamps is this 8d. value showing a Takahē, or Notornis. As explained in CN recently, this flightless bird was thought to be extinct until only a few years ago.



THE Winter Olympic Games at Cortina d'Ampezzo are being commemorated by four special Italian stamps.

NEW stamps in Venezuela will show public works, such as hospitals and highways.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Ann's problem

ANN HAYDON is one of England's best table-tennis players and also the junior lawn tennis champion. And so Ann's parents are rather worried. Proud of their daughter's achievements, they are also concerned about her education. They want her to go on to university soon but they know that if she is to remain at the top of the sports ladder she must spend a great deal of time away from home—and school. Ann recently won the French Table Tennis Championship, beating the world champion, Angelica Rozeanu, on the way. She followed this by winning the Belgian title.

HESKETH PARK, Dartford, may soon become well known in County cricket circles, for Kent will play Essex there during May, and the local council are spending £10,000 on the erection of a new pavilion and scoreboard. Minor Counties matches have been played at Dartford in the past, and their popularity has encouraged the Kent C.C.C. committee to grant the town a first-team fixture.

Australian fencer



Two years ago Gwen Martin left Sydney to make a round-the-world trip by herself. But when she reached Britain she decided to stay. Gwen's favourite sport is fencing, and she practises at the Duke of York's Headquarters in London.

MANY of our leading cricketers are also good footballers and the M.C.C. players in Pakistan are no exception. Four of the team have played Soccer professionally and five for good-class amateur sides. Once this was realised, the Pakistan officials were eager to arrange a Soccer "Test" between the two countries at the end of the tour. The M.C.C. team, however, are due to fly back to England immediately after the fourth Test.

Any old irons?

WEIGHT-LIFTING plays an important part in developing an athlete's muscles, and that is why parcels of old flat irons have been arriving at the home of Mrs. Kathleen Dale, coach of the Mitcham Athletic Club in Surrey. The club could not afford proper equipment but an appeal for old irons has ensured that the athletes will now get their weight-lifting exercises after all.

Singing sprinter

AN athlete whom many experts expect to become Britain's leading sprinter within a few years is 18-year-old Alan Thomas of Mill Hill, Middlesex. As well as winning the Public Schools, Middlesex, and Southern junior 100 yards championships, Alan



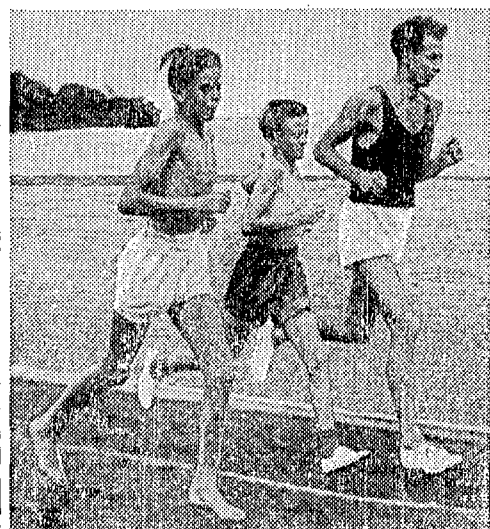
also reached the final of the A.A.A. senior 100 yards championship last year. He also hopes to achieve fame in another rôle—as a singer. Having recently left school, Alan is now studying as an operatic tenor.

Back to school

A NUMBER of fast bowlers suffer from foot trouble caused by slamming their left foot into the ground as they deliver the ball. That is why Frank Tyson is attending Alf Gover's indoor cricket school during the last two weeks of this month. Tyson's injuries kept him out of the game for much of last season and he is hoping that his old coach will be able to find a way of avoiding a repetition this summer.

THE Oxford Boat Race crew will shortly receive their new craft for the race against the Light Blues on March 24. It is stronger and lighter than their previous boats, and the shell is made from three laminated layers of Honduras mahogany instead of Honduras cedar, as in the past.

THE boat to be used by the Cambridge crew in this year's Boat Race is being given by Mr. Gerald D. Cochrane of Middlesbrough, who exactly 50 years ago rowed as bow for Cambridge.



Pacemakers for a great athlete

There was no shortage of pacemakers when John Landy, holder of the world mile record, put in a spell of training at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

ROBERT MORROW, 20-year-old sprinter from Texas, is putting up some wonderful times for the 100 and 220 yards, and he may become America's No. 1 sprinter at the Melbourne Olympics. He is so quick off the mark that he can even chase and catch jack rabbits.

THE number of children's ski schools in Norway is increasing. In Oslo alone there are now 20 such schools attended by some 3500 children. A nation-wide appeal for funds was recently made for ski-ing equipment and the establishment of further children's training facilities.

Empire Games film

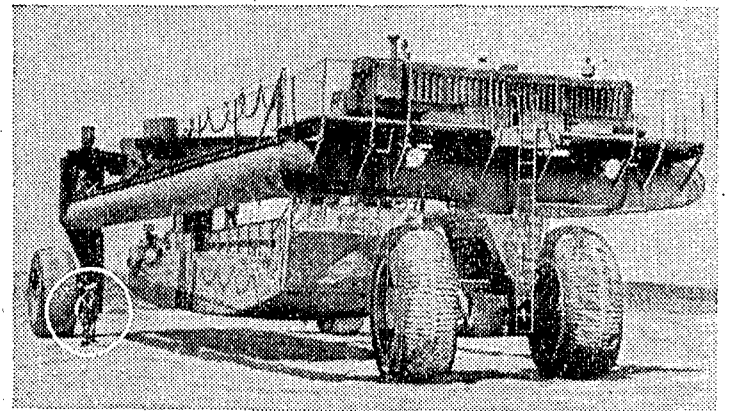
MANY of us thrilled to the exciting events shown in the film of the 1954 Empire Games in Vancouver. Many will remember Roger Bannister's tussle with John Landy and Jim Peters' courageous struggle in the marathon.

These and many other scenes can be seen again on a 16 mm. film of the Games which can be hired for £4 from G. B. Film Library, 1 Aintree Road, Perivale, Middlesex.

JIM MCCONNON, the former Glamorgan and England Test cricketer, will be playing for Burnley in the Lancashire League next summer. McConnon started a career as a professional footballer with Aston Villa, but injury caused him to give up this game and to take up cricket with Glamorgan. Further injuries forced him to return from Australia before the rest of the M.C.C. players during the last tour "Down Under."

WARWICKSHIRE C.C.C. have appointed their senior professional, Eric Hollies, as captain for the coming season, in place of Tom Dollery, who has now retired. Making his debut for Warwickshire in 1932, Eric Hollies has so far taken over 2100 wickets with his leg-break bowling, and has appeared in 13 Test Matches.

ONE of our athletes who is avoiding the fog and cold of a London winter is Jack Parker, Britain's leading hurdler. Jack is engaged in bridge-building in Nyasaland, but still keeps in touch with his coach and gets in all the hurdling practice he can. He will be home at the end of March, fit and ready for the athletics season.



Rescuing the wrecks

The United States Army has built this huge machine for recovering wrecked or stalled landing craft. Moving on wheels, ten feet high, it can wade into the surf and pick up a 67-ton vessel. Two men, shown ringed, give an idea of the size of the machine.

OUR UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

English is becoming a universal language. It is now to be taught as a compulsory subject in Norway's elementary schools. Up to now the learning of English has been voluntary, but now it is regarded as so important that the language is to be taught from the fifth school year.

HUGE CAVE FOUND

Explorers in Kentucky have found one of the biggest caves in the world. Over 30 miles of passageways have already been mapped, and it is thought that they may extend more than twice as far.

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THE BRAN TUB

MISLAID

FATHER: "You're late. Where have you been?"

Son: "I was kept in at school because I couldn't remember where the Andes were."

Father: "Well, remember where you put things in future."

SPOT THE . . .

SQUIRREL'S DINING TABLE, probably an old log or tree stump. There are usually tell-tale claw marks and a litter of bits and pieces including fungi, berries, and shells of hazel, beech, sweet - chestnut, and acorns according to the season. Should the acorns be ripe, the husks will be split cleanly in two; otherwise the squirrel will rip them from top to bottom.

Squirrels are dainty but wasteful feeders. If you are fortunate you may glimpse a squirrel, nibbling at a tit-bit held firmly in its tiny paws.

The idea that squirrels hibernate during the winter is outdated. They do, however, detest the cold and wet, and in such weather they wisely remain at home.

WHAT AM I?

SOMETIMES I am very shy;
Other times a trade I ply;
Over the billows swift I fly:
Now, pray tell me, what am I?

Answer in column 5

BEDTIME TALE

MOY TO THE RESCUE

MOY was a black-labrador puppy who lived with her Master and Mistress in a little house in the country.

The village was small and Moy was very lonely. There was only one other dog who lived nearby—a spaniel, but he was old and preferred to sleep all day instead of playing games.

There were plenty of cats, however, and Moy had tried to make friends with them but they hissed angrily at her and ran away.

Then one day Tiptoe, the cat, arrived next door.

Moy was so excited. At last she would have a friend to play with.

Seeing Tiptoe sitting at his gate, she dashed up eagerly with a "woof" of welcome. The cat arched its back and hissed furiously, and tried to scratch Moy's nose.

Poor Moy fled to the safety of her own garden and whined un-

happily. A tear trickled down her nose and she felt very sorry for herself!

After this she kept away from Tiptoe, but one morning when she was out for a walk she heard a lot of barking and growling. A strange black dog had cornered Tiptoe in a gateway.

With a furious bark Moy dashed to the rescue. The dog turned to see what the noise was about and this gave Tiptoe the chance to run for safety.

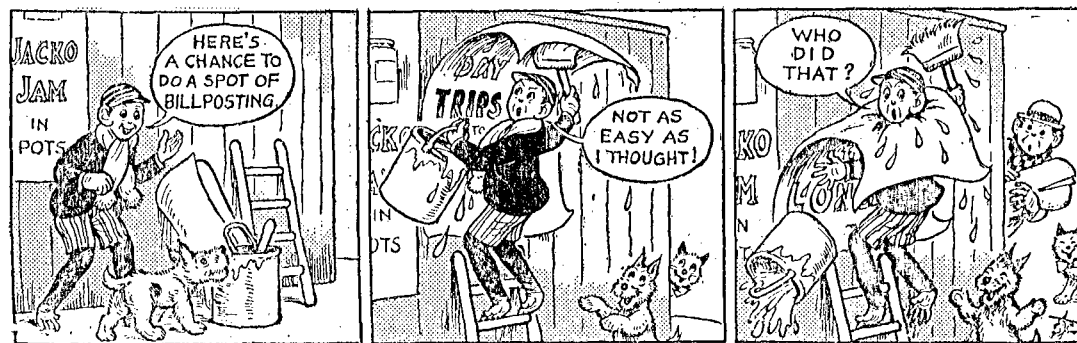
With a last bark at the stranger, Moy turned and trotted for home, her tail waving proudly in the air.

When she reached her gate Tiptoe was sitting waiting for her, a coloured ball between his paws.

Moy stopped in surprise. Tiptoe pushed the ball to Moy with his nose and purred. With a delightful "woof," Moy pushed it back to Tiptoe. They were friends at last, and what fun they would have in the days ahead.



JACKO FINDS IT EASY TO STICK TO HIS JOB



SPICE OF LIFE

THE son of the house was about to leave school and his father was giving him some advice about a career. "Whatever you choose," said Father, "remember that hard work never killed anybody."

"Oh, then I don't want any hard work, Dad. You see, I want something that has a spice of danger in it."

HOWLER

SOCIAL insurance was inoculated in Germany in 1914.

IN THE WOOD

Six trees are jumbled up here. What are they?

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Answers in column 5

DRY HUMOUR

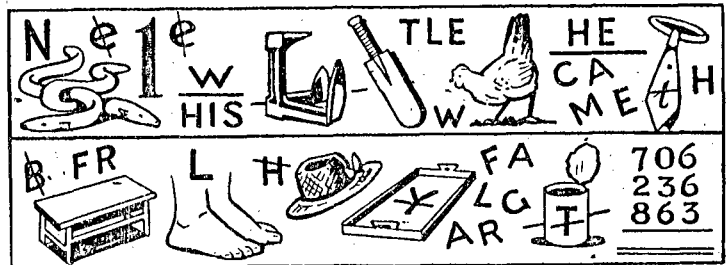
SAID a jolly old snail named Striped Jack:
"In wet weather I don't need a mac.

For wherever I go,
As you probably know,
I carry my house on my back."

HISTORICAL EVENT

The answer to this puzzle tells of an historical event. What is it?

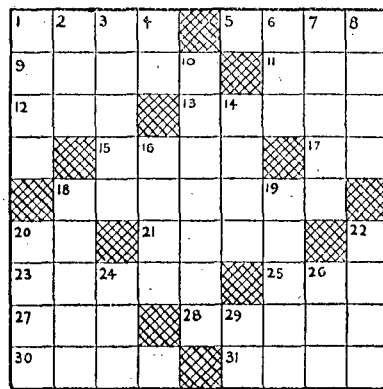
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Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS: 1 Belonging to us. 5 Tools for making small holes. 9 Prickly bush. 11 Head covering. 12 Hostelry. 13 Hard black wood. 15 Sodium carbonate. 17 Early English. 18 Takes away. 20 Alternative. 21 Sound that "comes back." 23 Parsonage. 25 Knock gently. 27 Supplement. 28 Stage-play. 30 Tidings. 31 Mountain range.

READING DOWN: 1 Brief biography. 2 Vase. 3 Wash. 4 South Africa. 6 Which person? 7 By-roads. 8 Swelling on eyelid. 10 Cut down. 14 Great German composer. 16 Poems. 18 Male duck. 19 Complete. 20 Sign. 22 Health resorts. 24 Fresh. 26 Measure of current. 29 Royal Academy.



Answer next week

ANSWER TO QUIZ CORNER

- 365 days. This is why every fourth year we have a Leap Year.
- Spirit-level.
- Hard, brown, round growths on oak trees. They are produced by insects known as gall-wasps or gall-flies, which lay their eggs in the tissues of the twigs.
- Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861).
1923. Bolton Wanderers beat West Ham United, 2-0.
- The Dead Sea is a salt lake on the borders of Israel and Jordan. It is almost 1300 feet below the surface of the Mediterranean. This fact, and the heat of the sun there, causes great evaporation, making the water so salt that no fish can live in it and a bather cannot sink in it.

TEASER

WHAT becomes longer by being cut at both ends?

up and V

BRAN TUB ANSWERS

What am I? Craft
Historical event. Nelson won his last battle when he overcame the French fleet at Trafalgar in 1805

In the wood. Oak, ash, elm, maple, sycamore, fir

Find this sea bird. Puffin
Find the islands. Malta, Man, Crete, Cuba

SHOP TALK

"ARE those eggs fresh?" the customer asked the grocer.

"George!" cried the grocer, turning to his assistant, "feel those eggs and see if they've cooled down enough to sell yet."

FIND THIS SEA BIRD

OUR first is in the parakeet but not in scissor bill.
Our second is in hummingbird but not in whip-poor-will.
Our third is in the purple finch but not in water rail.
Our fourth is in the flycatcher but not in auk or quail.
Our fifth is in the tailor bird but not in avocet.
Our last is in the cardinal but not in white egret.
This red-nosed bird frequents the rocks but can be seen on wing. It has a most unusual call but never tries to sing.

Answer in column 5

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus is in the south-west and Jupiter is low in the east. In the morning Mars and Saturn are in the south-east and Jupiter is in the south-west. The picture shows the

Moon as it will appear at nine o'clock on Saturday evening, February 18.



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